

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 25 with the following:

~~Figures 4 and 5 are graphs comparing extraction pH isotherms of metals using a comparative extraction system (Figure 4) and the extraction system of one embodiment of the invention (Figure 5).~~

Figures 4 and 5 are graphs comparing extraction pH isotherms of metals using a comparative extraction system (Figure 4) and the extraction system containing Versatic 10 and LIX63 (Figure 5).